

**CONTINUATION-IN-PART  
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am one of the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**"SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION SYSTEM"**

Case No. P97,1046; the specification of which **is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/289,257 filed on August 11, 1994.**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to me, which information is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a)<sup>1</sup>. I also acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application, **August 11, 1994**, and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

As to the subject matter of this application which is common to **U.S. Serial No. 08/289,257 filed on August 11, 1994**, I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the earlier application, I believe that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this earlier application, and I believe that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this earlier application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this earlier application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as identified below.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN REAL RAIL EFFECTS, INC.  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS 4220 North Marmora, Chicago, IL 60634

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled: "SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION SYSTEM" by inventors MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL et al. as described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

NAME None  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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